



Ninety-Ninth Legislature - First Session - 2005
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 473

Chairperson: DiAnna R. Schimek
Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Date of Hearing: February 9, 2005

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

Current statute allows political parties to organize not only as statewide parties, but also based on congressional districts, county, or city lines. LB 473 would repeal the statutory authority to create a political party based on congressional district, county or city lines.

In addition, current law provides that a political party must have a candidate that receives 5% of the vote in order to maintain ballot status for the next primary election. LB 473 would allow a political party to maintain a ballot status if a candidate or combination of candidates encompassing the entire state receives 5% of the vote at one of the two previous elections.

Principal Introducer: _____
Senator Lavon Heidemann